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March 5, 2014

Mr. Bill Lynch, Council Chair  
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
P.O. Box 43172  
Olympia, Washington 98504-3172

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Request for Additional Time to Review the Draft  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the Columbia  
Generation Station, NPDES No. WA0025151

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) made the above-mentioned proposed (draft) permit available for public comment on February 3, 2014. Notification was received by Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator, on February 4, 2014. Pursuant to the NPDES Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between EFSEC and the EPA, the EPA has 30 days (or until March 6<sup>th</sup>) to review and provide comments on the proposed permit. In addition, the EPA may request additional time as stated under Section IV.B.3 of the MOA.

The Regional Administrator will have up to 30 days, from receipt by the Region 10 Permits Branch of a proposed NPDES permit, pursuant to the right to object under Section 402(d) of the CWA, in which to comment upon, object to, or make recommendations with respect to the proposed permit. However, if the Regional Administrator so requests in writing, an additional 60 days shall be given for such review.

The authority to object to or make such requests has been delegated to the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds. By this letter, the EPA formally requests an additional 60 to complete our review and comment upon, object to or make recommendations with respect to the proposed permit. Pursuant to the MOA, the EPA will provide our response to the proposed permit no later than Monday, May 5, 2014.

Please contact Mike Lidgard at (206) 553-1755 or [lidgard.michael@epa.gov](mailto:lidgard.michael@epa.gov) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel D. Opalski", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
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